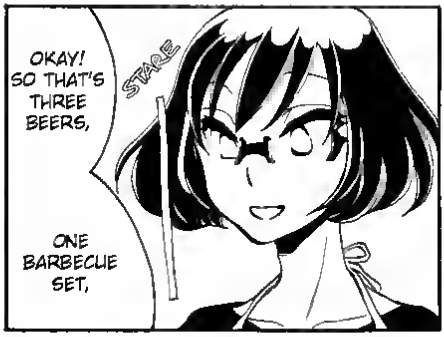
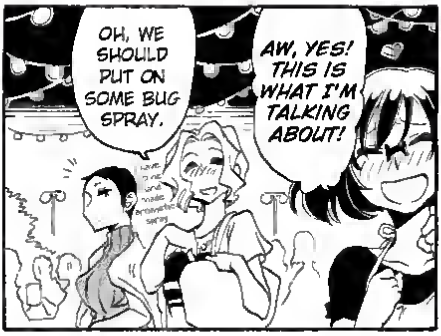
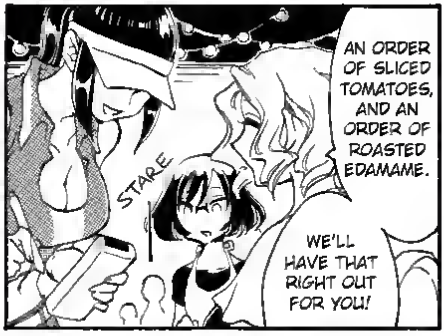
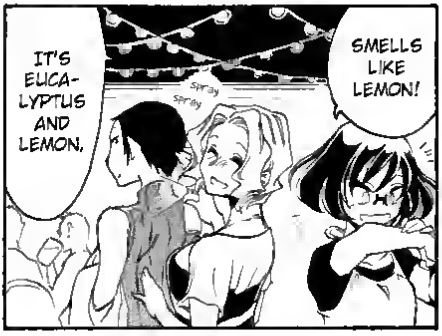
2ND GLASS MICCHAN GOES TO THE BEER GARDEN

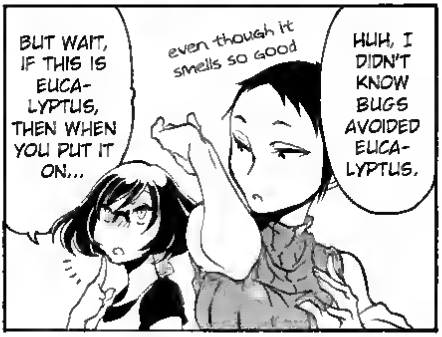

OKAY! SO THAT'S THREE BEERS,
STARE
ONE BARBECUE SET,


OH, WE SHOULD PUT ON SOME BUG SPRAY.
AW, YES! THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

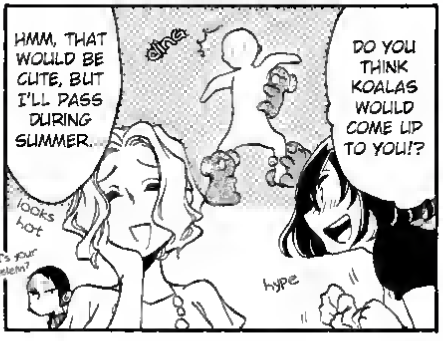

AN ORDER OF SLICED TOMATOES, AND AN ORDER OF ROASTED EDAMAME.
STARE
WE'LL HAVE THAT RIGHT OUT FOR YOU!


IT'S EUCA-LYPTUS AND LEMON,
SMELLS LIKE LEMON!
spray spray

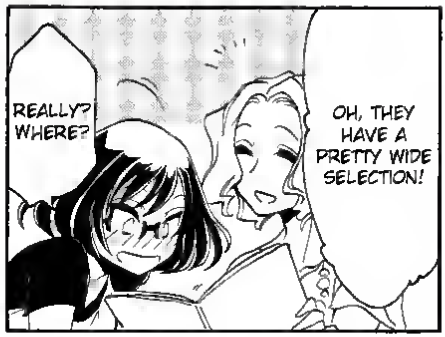
Woa!


BUT WAIT, IF THIS IS EUCA-LYPTUS, THEN WHEN YOU PUT IT ON...
even though it smells so good
HUH, I DIDN'T KNOW BUGS AVOIDED EUCA-LYPTUS.

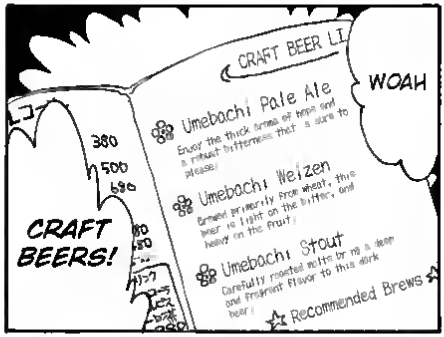
OW-KAY
SMACK
PUT THOSE HANDS AWAY!
TAKASE MICHIKO (29)
SHE'S A LITTLE... SPECIAL.
GRAB


HMM, THAT WOULD BE CUTE, BUT I'LL PASS DURING SUMMER.
cling
DO YOU THINK KOALAS WOULD COME UP TO YOU!?
looks hot
THAT'S your problem
hype

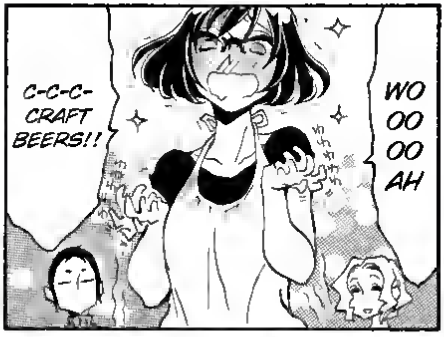
SIZZLE
WELL NOW...
CHEERS!
AHH
THAT HITS THE SPOT!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST HAD MEAT LIKE THIS...
CHEW
CHEW
I can taste the calories.
ALRIGHT THIS ONE'S DONE! COME ON, EAT UP!
OKAY THEN, I'M GONNA GRILL UP A WHOLE BUNCH FOR US!
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
YUKI! CHILL, CHILL.
FUSH
FUSH
FUSH
YEP.
OH, REALLY?
Fat and beer is a great combo
SORRY, FORCE OF HABIT...
RELAX AND ENJOY THE FOOD.
YOU DON'T NEED TO GRILL OURS TOO.
I'll help too, jeez
OOOOOOH.
OOOOH.
OH.
great sources of protein
SINCE I USUALLY EAT CHICKEN AND LEAN BEEF.
MIYAUCHI MISONO (29)
HOBBY WEIGHT-LIFTING
ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT IT'S HARD NOT TO..
clack
clack clack
YEAH YOU'RE STILL GRILL-ING UP A STORM.
SHINO-NOME YUKI (29)
MOTHER OF TWO


REALLY? WHERE?
OH, THEY HAVE A PRETTY WIDE SELECTION!

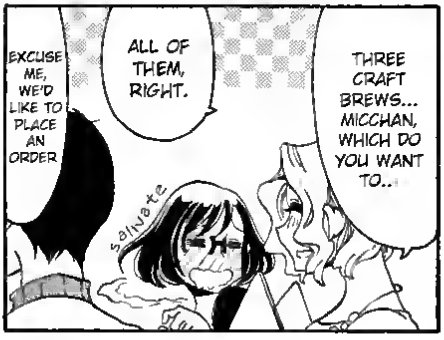
When I eat, I EAT
OH, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ON A RESTRICTED DIET OR ANYTHING, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.


CRAFT BEER LI
Umebachi Pale Ale
Umebachi Weizen
Umebachi Stout
Recommended Brews
380
500
680
CRAFT BEERS!
WOAH

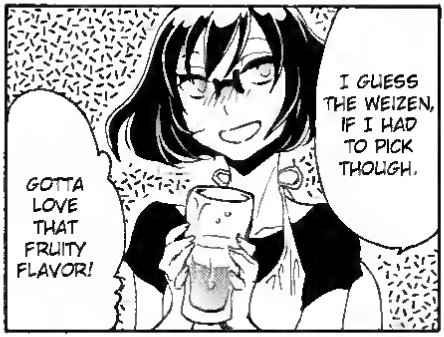
URK.
I'M NOT REALLY TRYING TO LOSE WEIGHT EITHER.


C-C-C-CRAFT BEERS!!
WO OO OO AH

URK!
JUST GOTTA EXERCISE THE CALORIES OFF LATER.

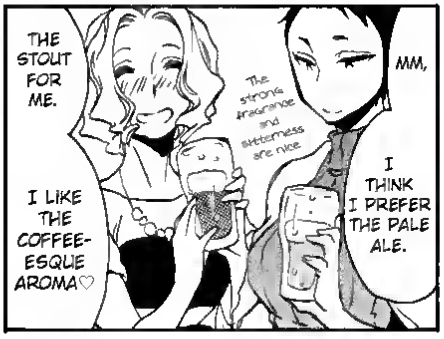

EXCUSE ME, WE'D LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER
ALL OF THEM, RIGHT.
THREE CRAFT BREWS... MICCHAN, WHICH DO YOU WANT TO..
salivate

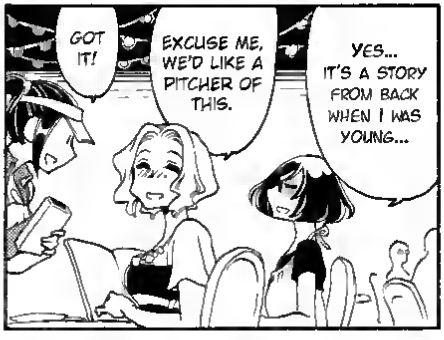
SPEAKING OF, YOU WO WANT TO JOIN ME AT THE GYM TOMORROW?
UH, AHHH! THE BEER'S ALMOST OUT, BETTER ORDER SOME MORE!
WHY, YOU'RE RIGHT! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE MENU!

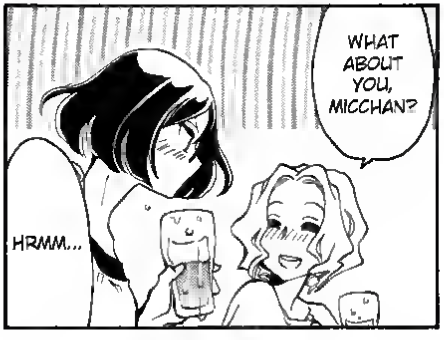

I GUESS THE WEIZEN, IF I HAD TO PICK THOUGH.
GOTTA LOVE THAT FRUITY FLAVOR!

HOW IS IT?
MMM.
HM.

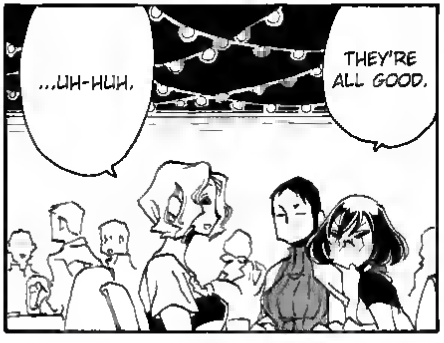
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, WEIZEN BEER IS CLOSE TO MY HEART...
OH?

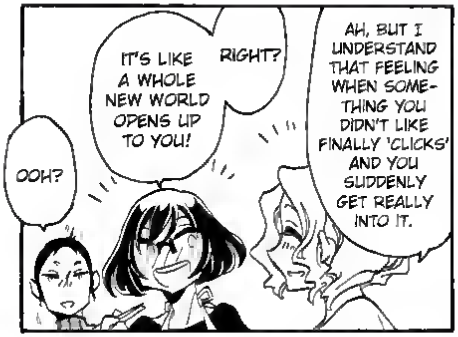

THE STOUT FOR ME.
The strong fragrance and bitterness are nice
MM,
I THINK I PREFER THE PALE ALE.
I LIKE THE COFFEE-ESQUE AROMA♡

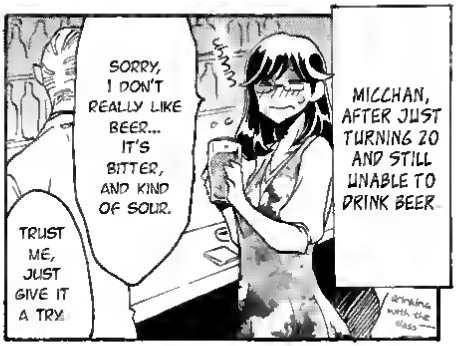

GOT IT!
EXCUSE ME, WE'D LIKE A PITCHER OF THIS.
YES... IT'S A STORY FROM BACK WHEN I WAS YOUNG...


WHAT ABOUT YOU, MICCHAN?
HRMM...

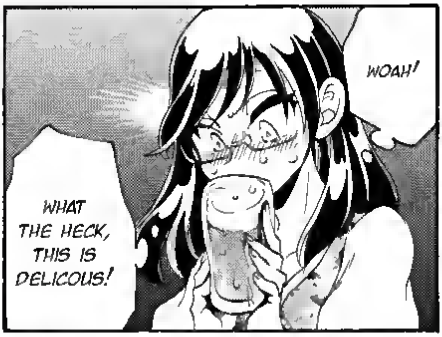
ALSO THIS SAUSAGE PLATTER.
WE'RE LISTENING, WE'RE LISTENING.
LISTEN?


...UH-HUH.
THEY'RE ALL GOOD.


AH, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT FEELING WHEN SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T LIKE FINALLY 'CLICKS' AND YOU SUDDENLY GET REALLY INTO IT.
RIGHT?
IT'S LIKE A WHOLE NEW WORLD OPENS UP TO YOU!
OOH?


MICCHAN, AFTER JUST TURNING 20 AND STILL UNABLE TO DRINK BEER
SORRY, I DON'T REALLY LIKE BEER... IT'S BITTER, AND KIND OF SOUR.
TRUST ME, JUST GIVE IT A TRY.
drinking with the glass

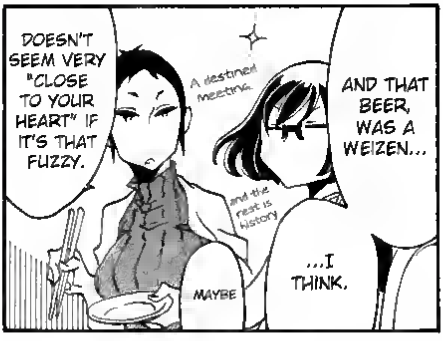
"DISCOVERING THE APPEAL OF SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T LIKE"
"THE JOY OF A NEW WORLD OF EXPERIENCES"
YEAH, I UNDERSTAND!
Eep!
Eek!


WOAH!
WHAT THE HECK, THIS IS DELICOUS!

SO WHY DON'T WE EXPLORE,
A WONDERFUL WORLD WHERE YOU CAN PUT ALL THOSE CALORIES TO GOOD USE?
Gym Trial Pass
Gym Rat Switch
click
ON

THIS IS BEER!?
SMELLS GOOD
...FRUITY? IS THIS... BANANA?
TASTES GOOD
THAT WAS THE SPARK THAT AWAKENED ME TO BEER.
REALLY GOOD!

STO-!
N-NOT THERE
AH!
AH!
heh heh heh heh
meee
IT'S PRETTY FUN BURNING THIS STUFF OFF, YOU KNOW?
NO RUNNING AWAY, YUKI.


DOESN'T SEEM VERY "CLOSE TO YOUR HEART" IF IT'S THAT FUZZY.
A destined meeting.
AND THAT BEER, WAS A WEIZEN...
and the rest is history
MAYBE
...I THINK.

After the story
Professor, can I have one more!?
This one is good too.
T-Takase Maybe you should...
Hahaha!
Maybe cut your teacher some slack

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NOTES:

BEER GARDENS ARE VERY POPULAR IN JAPAN AS AN OUTDOORS DRINKING EXPERIENCE. YOU CAN FIND THEM ON THE ROOFS OF MANY LARGE BUILDINGS ANYWHERE THERE IS EVEN A HINT OF A NIGHTLIFE.

MOST BEEF IN JAPAN, AND ESPECIALLY THE KIND SERVED AT A PLACE LIKE THIS BEER GARDEN, IS VERY FATTY. THIS EXPLAINS MISONO'S REACTION TO EATING IT ON PAGE 3.

MOST RESTRAUNTS IN JAPAN JUST HAVE ONE TYPE OF BEER (TYPICALLY A BLAND LAGER ALMOST COMPLETELY INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM ANY OTHER JAPANESE BEER). YOU'LL NOTICE SERVERS NEVER ASK "WHAT KIND?" WHEN SOMEONE ORDERS A BEER, THAT'S WHY. ONLY VERY RECENTLY HAVE OTHER TYPES OF BEER - LIKE STOUTS OR IPAS - STARTED CATCHING ON, WHICH IS WHY THE CAST IS SO EXCITED OVER HAVING JUST THREE OTHER OPTIONS.

IT'S VERY COMMON FOR JAPANESE COLLEGE SEMINAR CLASSES TO GO OUT FOR GROUP DRINKING EVENTS WITH THE WHOLE CLASS, PROFESSORS INCLUDED. THIS IS WHAT'S GOING ON IN MICCHAN'S FLASHBACK.

DRINKING AGE IN JAPAN IS 20.